

Agricultural Department.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

THE MULE.

The meek and lowly mule may, as Mark Twain once remarked, be without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity, but he is a useful critter just the same, and a power in the land. He is not quite as handsome or graceful as his half-brother, the horse, but when it comes to hard, every-day work, he is no slouch. He may patiently and meekly stand your kicks and cuffs for a lifetime and just before kicking the bucket kick you into kingdom come, but the fact remains that he is a useful animal.

The mule may not travel as fast as the horse, nor look so well in harness. But he possesses a "sticktoitiveness" that enables him to get there first of a long haul. He can live and keep fat on rations that would cause his half-brother to become a fit subject for the boneyard. He will thrive and look meek-eyed on abuse that would kill the average horse. He is a mass of muscle with sinews of steel, and can outpull, outwalk, outstand and outkick anything of his size on God's green earth.

For downright hard work, take a mule and you won't get left. For even temper and generous, free service, bank your faith on a mule. Treat him decently and he will be a faithful slave to the end of his long, useful career. In felicity or adversity, in fair weather or in foul, nothing will stay by you like the mule. But when he gets ready to shuffle off this mortal coil, beware! He may have been faithful all through life, only watching for an opportunity, and unless you have a sincere desire to be gently warded to that bourne whence no traveler returneth, keep away from his legs. The gentle, sad-eyed mule can knock you down quicker, and do you up sicker than any animal on earth.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY. as Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

THE FLORIDA CATTLE SITUATION. The editor of the Kissimmee Valley Gazette is well posted on the subject of stock raising in Florida, says the Florida Star, and is of the opinion that the days of free range and scrub cattle are about numbered in this State, and in a recent editorial deals with the subject as follows:

"Our Florida stockmen may just as well face the inevitable and begin to make ready to meet the new conditions with which they will be confronted. They have had their day and it must be admitted they have made the most of it and got out of it all that they could. Circumstances have conspired in their favor, but they are now about to feel the pressure of commercial necessity. The stoppage of the Cuban market, the competition of western stall fed meat, the overcrowding and burning the free range, and the activity in the land market will force them to adopt different methods, and to give up their old time pioneer way of doing business. Cuba is now buying beef in Central America, bigger and cheaper than Florida beef. Western beef is crowding free range beef out of the local markets. The range is becoming so overcrowded, and the native grasses have been so remorselessly destroyed by fire that the soil is unable to make the meat that it used to make thirty and forty years ago. The turpentine and lumber interests have created such a demand for wild lands that the great land companies and it is easy to unload their stagnant holdings. In short, the occupation of the pioneer free range scrub cow cattleman is rapidly being curtailed."

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from malady of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it.

JUST GET THE BEST.

A scrub team of horses will consume as much food as a span of fine draught animals, but they can't perform the same amount of work. In emergencies the same reliance can not be placed on

them, and when the time comes to sell you easily see the difference.

It is the same with regard to cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, and every other farm animal. The scrub stock eats up all the profits that might have been made on a better grade of animals. The best is not too good for the farmer. If he wishes to prosper it is imperative necessary for him to get the best of everything.

He must have the best farm horses and mules obtainable. He must keep the best cattle possible, the best hogs and other animals, and do away with the unprofitable scrubs. The piney woods cow is not a good beef animal, nor is she a profitable milker. The bucking broncho from Texas is not fit for a plow horse; he is no good hauling loads. Then why keep him when there is no demand for him? The razor-back, rail-splitting swamp angel is not a good bacon hog. It costs a good deal to grow him and he costs too much to fatten him and there is no profit in keeping him to the exclusion of better breeds.

Antiquated, out-of-date tools are an abomination. Satisfactory results can not be attained from their use, and it is wasteful extravagance to try to farm with them when good tools can be bought for very little money.

Keep the best farm implements, use modern methods, do away with your scrub stock, farm intelligently and you will succeed. That's the only way to be a successful farmer.

WILL NOT HIDE MY LIGHT UNDER A BUSH.

Gentlemen—I will not hide my light under a bushel, for I want the people to know what your Gooch's Mexican Syrup has done for me. For four years I have been afflicted with Asthma and could not get anything to do me any good until I got your Gooch's Mexican Syrup. I took three bottles and it cured me. I give you this hoping it may be the means of saving some one from a horrible and permanent death.

Yours under obligations,
Rev. Thos. B. Warwick, Scott Town, O.
Consumptives try it. It cures a simple cough as if by magic, and the best remedy for whooping cough. Price 25 cents.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

Some farmers succeed and other farmers fail. Those who fail ascribe their lack of success to the soil. They don't stop to consider that they themselves may be to blame. In some instances the soil may be poor and unproductive and responsible for the failure of the farmer. But eight times out of ten the fault lies in the man. There is success in nearly every farm. The great trouble is the farmer does not work intelligently and systematically to deliver it from the soil.

The farmer who depends on mere surface scratching, with a lick and a promise system of cultivation, is going to get left. The man who expects to lie up in the shade can't hope to raise a crop. The man who lets his fences and buildings run down, without trying to repair them, who drops his tools where he uses them last, and leaves them out to take all kinds of weather, is bound to remain poor.

The farmer who does not raise nearly everything he consumes, and who goes to market with an empty wagon which he brings back loaded with such things as he could easily have produced himself, can't keep his nose from the grindstone. He is not trying to dig success from the soil, but he is just the man to attribute all his troubles to the soil. It will not do to sit on the fence and talk politics when there is work to be done.

The successful farmer works early and late. He doesn't let any grass grow under his feet, nor allow weeds to choke out his crops. He plows his land deep and thoroughly cultivates the soil. He uses fertilizer sparingly, but applies enough to return the elements consumed by the growing crops.

He keeps his outbuildings and fences repaired. He does not leave his farm implements out in the field, but keeps them under shelter when not in use. His tools are always sharp, and ready for emergencies. He has a place for everything, and everything in its place. His stock is sleek and well fed. He works early and late, using common sense in his labor. You never hear such men grumble about the soil. They don't have time to grumble, besides they are too contented to grow. They went after success and they found it. That is the kind of farmer to be. The kind that is a power in the land.

By working persistently and keeping your eyes on the small leaks, at the same time stopping up the large ones, there will be no occasion to growl about the soil. The trouble is in the man as well as the soil.

HOW TO CURE CROUP.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Wight & Bro. and all medicine dealers.

A HORNY HANDED FARMER.

Mr. John G. Collins, formerly editor and publisher of the Tallahasseean, is now one of Leon County's successful farmers. He had in cultivation this year about 200 acres of land, and among other things, produced between 50 and 75 tons of good hay, 600 bushels of corn, about the same quantity of potatoes, nine barrels of syrup, 25 tons of velvet beans, and turned his cattle in on about ten acres of beans he did not harvest. Mr. Collins also raised plenty of ground peas for his

How Strong Are You?

The dial of the punching machine won't answer that question. Strength depends on nutrition. When the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased, the body fails to receive its full supply of nourishment and hence grows weak. That is why no man is stronger than his stomach.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition. The food eaten is then perfectly digested and assimilated and the body is made strong in the only possible way—by nutrition.

"I was troubled with indigestion for about two years," writes Wm. Bowker, Esq., of Julietta, LaSalle Co., Idaho. "I tried different doctors and remedies but to no avail, until I wrote to you and you told me what to do. I suffered with a pain in my stomach and left side and thought that it would kill me. Now I am glad to write this and let you know that I am all right. I can do my work now without pain and I don't have that tired feeling that I used to have. Five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and two vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets' cured me."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets stimulate the liver.

hogs, and an abundance of vegetables for family use.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could not hold anything on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles.

LESS COTTON—MORE GRAIN.

Cotton was once styled as "king." This was many years ago when the prices were up and there were no guano bills to settle, says the Suwannee Democrat. In former days each and every farmer made his own fertilizer; and the same methods for making this fertilizer exist now as it did then. Why then not follow the old rule that panned out so well, and thus save the expense of a guano bill? If you had the money in your pockets that you paid out for guano you might yet very readily say that cotton is still "king." This, however, while it is true, does not warrant the farmer in planting more cotton and less grain, but less cotton and more grain. Let the cotton come in as a side line only, then let the price be up or down, you have plenty to eat and your failures in high prices will not affect you in the least. The proof of this theory of farming will be plainly set forth this coming year, in as much as statistics goes to show that the grain crops throughout the States are very short; hence the farmer in Florida as elsewhere in the South who has failed to make enough provisions to do him the coming year will have to pay dear for what he buys. An example of this kind, however, has to come in order to more forcibly place in the minds of our farmers of the South that they cannot, must not and need not depend on the West for their provisions.

We have lands here (while not so prolific as the lands of the West) that are all sufficient to raise all the corn, cane, sweet potatoes and other food crops that are needed. Why then should it ever be necessary for Florida to look to the West for her bread? Not at all. As before stated, if you will persist in planting cotton, plant it only as a side line and make your grain crop two or three fold to that of your cotton crop.

A sweet potato crop is far better than a cotton crop. It requires less cultivation and produces more dollars and cents to the acre. Besides, we can eat the surplus crop. What is better to keep the wolf from the door than a good, nice sweet potato? With these facts before the farmer why should he persist in planting almost exclusive cotton crops? They will evidently learn by a sad experience that a provision crop is far better than a cotton crop.

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THE FARMER'S TOOLS.

It is poor economy for the farmer to be compelled to go to town every time a break of any kind occurs to plows, wagons or harness. Too much time is lost, and money wasted that could easily be saved.

Every farm should have its work shop and set of tools, and those tools should be kept in the best possible shape. Many dollars will be saved to the owner in the course of a few years, if he has a nice dry room in which he can do repair work on rainy days. Besides there are many little things needed on the farm which he can easily manufacture. The shop can be used as a paint shop as well, where the farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc., can be taken for painting. It is surprising when we consider the economy in keeping everything painted. It protects the wood and keeps

the iron from rusting, to say nothing of the improved appearance of the articles painted.

A good set of tools, well kept, will pay a handsome dividend on the money invested in them. Besides you can easily turn a penny by doing repair work for your less progressive neighbors.

OLD PEOPLE'S EYES.

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SELECTING FERTILIZERS.

It is a wise man who knows how to properly select fertilizers for use on his farm. At the foundation of all selections in this line is the stable manure made on the farm. This always has a value as humus material, aside from the value which comes from the plant food constituents in it. It is true that on some soils and with other crops, stable manure has a greater value than on other soils and with other crops, and this is simply because in the one case it supplies plant food deficient in the soil, and in the other case it is itself lacking in the very essential needed by the soil. This being the case, it becomes almost absolutely necessary to use chemical fertilizers; for example, we have a soil that is very deficient in phosphoric acid, and it would be almost impossible to bring this soil up to a point where it would grow a crop needing large quantities of phosphoric acid, by dosing it solely with stable manures. Farmers are less learning that they must have more or less knowledge of soil chemistry in order to carry on their work successfully, and this knowledge cannot be obtained from newspapers or books.

The only way to gain it is by actual experimenting with the soil on one's farm. Such experiments need not be expensive or on an elaborate scale. It is sufficient to take small plots and use on each of them combinations of commercial fertilizers, alone or in connection with stable manure. Of course it is also necessary that the farmer possess some knowledge of the needs of certain crops, for it is apparent that it would be useless to grow certain crops needing potash very largely on a plot of ground heavily dosed with nitrogen and very lightly supplied with potash. All that can be written on this subject is simply along the line of suggestion. The farmer must work out his own salvation.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress and nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—

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Like Begets Like. driven from the cut again, and to their sorrow and mortification find those nearest and dearest to them have been infected by this loathsome disease, for no other poison is so surely transmitted from parent to child as this. Often a bad case of Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula or severe skin disease, an old sore or ulcer developing in middle life, can be traced to blood poison contracted in early

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